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In re application of Amoru MATSUSHITA et al.

Serial No. : 09/848,301

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No Additional Fee.

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 12, 2002, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on February 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs (**Clean Text**) for the respective paragraphs of the specification (A **“marked up”** copy of the specification amendments is provided as an attachment to this Reply).

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